

23. (Added Herein) The method for allowing a requestor to guide selection of a content object source, according to claim 9, wherein the analyzing transfer quality includes analyzing a churn rate and performing at least one of traceroute, test via file transfer, server health check, server load check, ping, path difference, BGP routing information, or port response time.

24. (Added Herein) The method for supplying a content object from a content object source to a client via a transfer node, selection of the transfer node being influenced by a client preference, according to claim 16, wherein the storage capacity comprises a churn rate.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more distinctly and clearly claim Applicant's invention.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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## APPENDIX A

A marked up copy of the claims showing the most recent amendments is provided below in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(c). All pending claims are set forth below for convenient reference.

1. (As Filed) A method for increasing transfer quality on a content distribution system, the distribution system comprising a requestor and a selector, the method comprising:

- determining a first transfer quality factor relating the requestor and a first source, the first source identified by a first identifier;
- determining a second transfer quality factor relating the requestor and a second source, the second source identified by a second identifier;
- providing a preference to the selector, wherein the preference is based on the first and second transfer quality factors, the preference comprising at least one of the first and second identifiers; and
- the selector selecting a source for the requestor based on the preference.

2. (As Filed) The method for increasing transfer quality on a content distribution system, the distribution system comprising a requestor and a selector, according to claim 1, the method further comprising:

- identifying the first and the second sources.

3. (As Filed) The method for increasing transfer quality on a content distribution system, the distribution system comprising a requestor and a selector, according to claim 1, the method further comprising:

- providing the first and the second identifiers to the requestor.

4. (As Filed) The method for increasing transfer quality on a content distribution system, the distribution system comprising a requestor and a selector, according to claim 1, wherein the determining a first transfer quality factor includes performing a plurality of tests.

5. (As Filed) The method for increasing transfer quality on a content distribution system, the distribution system comprising a requestor and a selector, according to claim 4, the method further comprising:

using a weighting function to weight the plurality of tests to determine the first transfer quality factor.

6. (As Filed) The method for increasing transfer quality on a content distribution system, the distribution system comprising a requestor and a selector, according to claim 5, wherein the weighting function is defined by a user.

7. (Amended Once Herein) The method for increasing transfer quality on a content distribution system, the distribution system comprising a requestor and a selector, according to claim 1, wherein the selected source is a transfer node, **[whereby]** wherein the transfer node comprises a content object dynamically transferred from an originating source and made available to the requestor.

8. (As Filed) The method for increasing transfer quality on a content distribution system, the distribution system comprising a requestor and a selector, according to claim 1, the method further comprising:

displaying the preference to a user.

9. (Amended Once Herein) A method for allowing a requestor to guide selection of a content object source, the method comprising:

identifying a first and a second source at least the first source being capable of requesting content objects from an originating source;

analyzing transfer quality between the requestor and the first source, and between the requestor and the second source;

ranking the first and the second sources based on the analyzed transfer qualities;  
and

using the ranking to guide selection of the content object source, whereby the selected content object source is one of the first source, the second source, or a third source.

10. (As Filed) The method for allowing a requestor to guide selection of a content object source, according to claim 9, wherein using the ranking comprises:

transferring the ranking to a selector, the selector selecting the content object source partially based on the ranking, and the selector indicating the selected content object source to the requestor.

11. (As Filed) The method for allowing a requestor to guide selection of a content object source, according to claim 9, wherein the analyzing transfer quality includes performing a plurality of tests.

12. (Amended Once Herein) The method for allowing a requestor to guide selection of a content object source, according to claim 9, wherein the analyzing transfer quality includes performing at least one of traceroute, test via file transfer, server health check, server load check, ping, path difference, BGP routing information, churn rate, or port response time.

13. (As Filed) The method for allowing a requestor to guide selection of a content object source, according to claim 9, the method further comprising:  
requesting a content object from the selected content object source; and  
receiving the content object.

14. (As Filed) The method for allowing a requestor to guide selection of a content object source, according to claim 13, wherein the receiving the content object includes pre-fetching a portion the content object.

15. (As Filed) The method for allowing a requestor to guide selection of a content object source, according to claim 13, wherein the receiving the content object includes at least one of: decompressing the content object, decrypting the content object, or performing a security check of the content object.

16. (Amended Once Herein) A method for supplying a content object from a content object source to a client via a transfer node, selection of the transfer node being influenced by a client preference, the method comprising:  
identifying a first and a second transfer node to the client;  
ranking the first and second transfer nodes by the client, the ranking forming a client preference and based at least in part on a storage capacity of the transfer node;

selecting one of the first or second transfer nodes based on the client preference;  
and  
requesting transfer of a content object from the selected transfer node.

17. (As Filed) The method for supplying a content object from a content object source to a client via a transfer node, selection of the transfer node being influenced by a client preference, according to claim 16, wherein the client preference is created by analysis of a transfer quality between the client and the first transfer node and between the client and the second transfer node.

18. (As Filed) The method for supplying a content object from a content object source to a client via a transfer node, selection of the transfer node being influenced by a client preference, according to claim 17, wherein the analysis of transfer quality includes performing at least two tests.

19. (As Filed) The method for supplying a content object from a content object source to a client via a transfer node, selection of the transfer node being influenced by a client preference, according to claim 16, wherein the selected transfer node is the content object source.

20. (As Filed) The method for supplying a content object from a content object source to a client via a transfer node, selection of the transfer node being influenced by a client preference, according to claim 16, wherein the selecting one of the first or second transfer nodes is done by a third transfer node.

21. (Added Herein) The method for increasing transfer quality on a content distribution system, the distribution system comprising a requestor and a selector, according to claim 1, wherein the first transfer quality factor comprises an ability of the first source to receive a content object from an originator.

22. (Added Herein) The method for increasing transfer quality on a content distribution system, the distribution system comprising a requestor and a selector, according to claim 1, wherein the first transfer quality factor comprises an average time a content object will remain on the first source.

23. (Added Herein) The method for allowing a requestor to guide selection of a content object source, according to claim 9, wherein the analyzing transfer quality includes analyzing a churn rate and performing at least one of traceroute, test via file transfer, server health check, server load check, ping, path difference, BGP routing information, or port response time.

24. (Added Herein) The method for supplying a content object from a content object source to a client via a transfer node, selection of the transfer node being influenced by a client preference, according to claim 16, wherein the storage capacity comprises a churn rate.

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